II. Be it therefore enacted, by the king's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of his majesty's governor, council and assembly of this province, and the authority of the same, That all sales, gifts and grants, at any time before the thirteenth day of April, one thousand six hundred seventy-four, (and not after,) of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, within this province, by any person or persons whatsoever that had right to sell, give or grant such lands, tenements or hereditaments, made by writing only, with or without seal, shall for ever hereafter be accounted good and available in law to bar the heirs of such vendors, donors or grantors, any error in the form only of such writ-

ing to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. And, forasmuch as divers assignments of patents, written on the backside of such patent for land, are now worn out, and also other sales in paper either worn out or quite lost, for which the purchase money hath been bona fide paid, Be it further enacted, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That all sales, gifts or grants, at any time before the said thirteenth day of April, one thousand six hundred seventy-four, made by persons that right had as aforesaid, if either the sale, gift, grant or payment, bona fide, can be proved by witnesses, such sale, gift or grant, shall forever hereafter be accounted good and available in law to bar the heirs of such vendors, donors or grantors, or any person claiming dower from such vendor, donor or grantor, any law, usage or custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

IV. And be it further enacted, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That all sales and grants of any lands tenements and hereditaments, made by deed indented and enrolled since the said thirteenth day of April, one thousand six hundred seventy-four, or that hereafter shall be so made and enrolled, shall be good and available in law, without live-

ry of seizen.

V. And, whereas in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventy-four, and in the forty-second year of the dominion of the right honourable Cecilius, lord baron of Baltimore, a very good law was made, whereby it was enacted by his said lordship, by and with the advice and consent of the upper and lower houses of the then general assembly, that no manors, lordships, lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever within this province, should alter, pass or change from one to another, (as by the said act relation being thereunto had more at large doth appear,) except the same were acknowledged and enrolled as in the said law is directed; Be it therefore hereby declarea and enacted, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That whatsoever deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances during the continuance of the said law,